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1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR, ECON MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSTSEC FOR EC AFFAIRS, MORAWITZ, COMMENTED THAT FRG WAS NOT ENTHUSAISTIC ABOUT THE EC'S EXPORTS EARNINGS STABILIZATION SCHEME AND ASSERTED THAT THE FRG HAD TRIED TO RESTRICT THE COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING MANDATE, WHICH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT FEELS, IS TOO LOOSE. FRG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE NARROWED BY SETTING DOWN

SPECIFIC PARAMETERS, THEREBY LIMITING THE COMMISSION'S DISCRETION FOR GRANTING CONCESSIONS TO THE ACP'S.

- 2. ACCORDING TO MORAWITZ, GENSCHER PROPOSED REDEFINING THE MANDATE AT THE LAST EC COUNCIL MEETING, BUT MET WITH FIRM OPPOSITION FROM SAUVAGNARGUES, WHO ARGUED THAT THE COMMISSION MUST RETAIN ITS BROADER MANDATE IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ACP'S ARE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGSTON CONFERENCE.
- 3. MORAWITZ REMARKED THAT THE FRENCH STANCE IN THIS INSTANCE WAS AT VARIANCE WITH THE TRADITIONAL FRENCH POSITION WHICH HAS SOUGHT TO LIMIT THE COMMISSION'S POWERS. HE ADDED SOMEWHAT WRYLY THAT FRG WILL HAVE TO REMIND THE FRENCH OF SAUVAGNARGUES' STATEMENT WHEN THEY NEXT OBJECT TO THE GRANTING OF ADEQUATE NEGOTIATING POWERS TO THE COMMISSION, AS IS LIKELY TO BE THE CASE ON THE QUESTION OF THE MANDATE FOR THE UPCOMING MTN NEGOTIATIONS.

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